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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

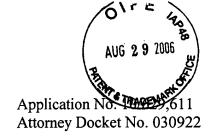
The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

- 1. (Currently Amended) A biodegradable resin composition comprising:
 - a biodegradable resin; and
 - a filler coated with a biodegradable coating resin,

wherein the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are identical types of resins; and

the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are an aliphatic polyester resin.

- 2. (Previously Presented) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are identical.
- 3. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the filler is at least one of mica, talc and montmorillonite.
- 4. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein a content of the filler is 5% by weight to 50% by weight relative to the biodegradable resin composition.
- 5. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein an average particle diameter of the filler is within the range of 0.01 μ m to 200 μ m.



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6. (Canceled)

- 7. (Currently Amended) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 6 Claim 1, wherein the aliphatic polyester resin is polyhydroxycarboxylic acid.
- 8. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 7, wherein the polyhydroxycarboxylic acid is polylactic acid.
- 9. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the biodegradable resin comprises two or more types of biodegradable resins.
- 10. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one type of flame retardant selected from silicone compound, metal salt, metal salt hydroxide and phosphorous compound.
- 11. (Previously Presented) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one type of fibrous component selected from hemp, chitin-chitosan, palm fiber and one of short fiber and powder derived therefrom.
- 12. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one type of fibrous component selected from glass fiber and carbon fiber.

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- 13. (Previously Presented) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the biodegradable resin comprises polylactic acid and one of polycaprolacton, polyhydroxybutyrate and polybutylene succinate.
 - 14. (Currently Amended) A filler for a biodegradable resin composition, comprising:

filler; and

a biodegradable coating resin,

wherein the filler is coated with the biodegradable coating resin, and;

wherein the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are identical type of resins; and

the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are an aliphatic polyester resin.

- 15. (Original) A filler for a biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 14, wherein the filler is at least one of mica, talc and montmorillonite.
- 16. (Original) A filler for a biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 14, wherein an average particle diameter of the filler is within the range of 0.01μm to 200μm.
 - 17. (Canceled)

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18. (Currently Amended) A filler for a biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 17 Claim 14, wherein the aliphatic polyester resin is polyhydroxycarboxylic acid.

19. (Currently Amended) A molded article comprising, a biodegradable resin composition containing a biodegradable resin, and a filler coated with a biodegradable coating resin,

wherein the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are identical type of resins; and

the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are an aliphatic polyester resin.

20. (Previously Presented) A molded article according to Claim 19, wherein the molded article is used for a housing of an electrical appliance.